

Appln. No. 10/635,354
Amdt. dated December 1, 2004
Reply to Office Action of October 26, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the comprehensive Office Action rendered in the above-identified application which was rendered responsive to applicants' Amendment submitted August 5, 2004 on the above-identified application. Applicants have now amended the claims in order to place them in conformity with the requirements set forth by the Examiner and applicants have reviewed each of the patent references as well as all of the arguments provided by the Examiner and hereby avers that all changes have been made in order to place the application in allowable condition.

In particular, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 22-26 are allowable over the prior art of record. This indication is set forth in the first paragraph of page 5 of the above-identified Office Action. In particular, Claim 22 was a claim that as originally presented in the original application and is notated herewithin as being "original" and, as such, allowance of this claim is hereby respectfully solicited. Further in particular, Claims 23-26 are claims which were added at the time of filing of the previous Amendment and they are not modified in this Amendment and, as such, should be deemed allowable in their current form based upon the first paragraph of page 5 of the above-identified Office Action. Since these claims were submitted in the Amendment rather than the original application, each of these claims, namely Claims 23-26, are noted as being "previously presented". If for any reason this indication is improper, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the below attorney by telephone to include a corrected notation to make this Amendment fully responsive to the current Office Action.

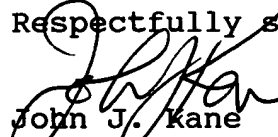
The Examiner has indicated that Claim 15 is allowable since it teaches a lower shelf member extending outwardly from the backing plate member at an angle with respect to the backing plate of greater than 90 degrees to facilitate passive ejection of the cylindrical tank member from the tank storage zone means unless restrained therein. However, Claim 15 was objected to by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, because it is a dependent claim. Furthermore the Examiner has indicated that Claim 15 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the 112 rejection. Applicants have conformed to this requirement set forth by the Examiner by including the limitations of Claim 15 into independent main Claim 1. Since Claim 15 was dependent upon Claims 14 applicants have also included the language of Claim 14 in Claim 1. As such, Claim 1 now includes the basic

limitations which were originally set forth in Claims 14 and 15, and for this reason Claim 1 as amended is now deemed to be in allowable condition. Claims 14 and 15 have been deleted since they are now redundant with the language of Claim 1 as amended. Claims 2-13 and Claims 16-20 are now deemed to be allowable as being directly or indirectly dependent upon Claim 1 which is now deemed to be allowable. Claim 21 has been cancelled.

Applicants have attempted to address each and every issue raised by the Examiner and hopefully all required modifications have been made in order to place this application in allowable condition. In particular, applicants have reviewed in detail all of the references in order to verify the statements and arguments set forth by the Examiner and is satisfied with the justification for these arguments. Again, applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the comprehensive review given to the claims in this application in the present Office Action as well as the prior Office Action dated June 15, 2004.

In view of these amendments, applicants deem that all of the claims as now currently pending in the present application are in allowable condition and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance on this application is hereby respectfully solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the below attorney to resolve any outstanding matters in order to expedite the prosecution of this application.

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